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FOR

THE MONTH OF MAY, 1919.



Signature of Officer compiling

W. McDermott

Lieut-Colonel.

Signature of Officer Commanding

W. McDermott

Lieut-Colonel.

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| Rouelles | 7-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 89 Officers 1502 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 55 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 3 paraded sick. <u>Officers.</u> Chaplain J.C.J. PEART, marched in from England. Lieut. P. FLANNIGAN, 34th Btn. marched in ex. No. 45 Quota. <u>F.G.C.M.</u> No. 20391 Spr. G. Russell, A.E.M.M. & B. Coy. was tried by Field General Court Martial at Ferfay Chateau on the 26th April, 1919, on the following charge:- W.O.A.S. Conduct to prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he used threatening language to his superior Officers. PLEADED:- Not Guilty. FINDING:- Guilty. Sentence:- 21 days F.P. No. 2.</p> | |
| " | 8-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 138 Officers 2546 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 14 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 4 paraded sick and 1 was evacuated to Hospital. <u>Discipline.</u> 1 case of a disciplinary nature was before the C.O. today. <u>F.G.C.M.</u> No. 515 Spr. A.T. George, No. 1 A.L.R.O. Coy. was tried by Field General Court Martial at Tincourt on the 19th April, 1919, on the following charges:- 1.- W.O.A.S. Committing the offence of manslaughter, in that he on 1-3-19, when travelling on the ration train from Bohain to Tincourt, unlawfully shot No. 658 Spr. Richard Stephens, 1st A.L.R.O. Coy. thereby causing his death. 2.- W.O.A.S. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he on 1-3-19, when travelling on the ration train from Bohain to Tincourt, negligently discharged a revolver, thereby wounding and causing the death of No. 658 Spr. Richard Stephens, 1st A.L.R.O. Coy. PLEADED:- (1) Not Guilty. FINDING:- (1) Guilty. SENTENCE:- 7 years P.S. (2) " " (2) Not Guilty. <u>Officers.</u> Lieut. B. BENSLEY, 9th M.G. Btn. marched out to England. " F.L. HARDING, 3rd M.G. Btn. " " Unit.</p> | |
| " | 9-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 134 Officers. 2812 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 13 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 18 paraded sick. <u>Discipline.</u> 2 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. to day. <u>Officers.</u> Lieut. W.T. MILLS, A.B.D. No. 2. marched out to England - 6-5-19.</p> | |

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| Rouelles | 10-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> <u>Reinforcements.</u> <u>Sick Parade.</u> <u>Discipline.</u> <u>Officers.</u> | 124 Officers 2594 Other Ranks. 5 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. 19 paraded sick. 2 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. to day. Lieut.C.P.Smith, Educational Service, marched out to England - 3-5-19. | |
| " | 11-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> <u>Reinforcements.</u> <u>Sick Parade.</u> <u>Church Parades.</u> | 124 Officers 2650 Other Ranks. 14 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. 21 paraded sick: 2 were marked Light Duty and 2 evacuated to Hospital. Today being Sunday, the usual Church Parades were held. | |
| " | 12-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> <u>Reinforcements.</u> <u>Sick Parade.</u> <u>Discipline.</u> | 123 Officers 2625 Other Ranks. No Casuals marched in today. 5 paraded sick. 2 cases of a disciplinary nature were before C.O. today. | |
| " | 13-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> <u>Reinforcements.</u> <u>Sick Parade.</u> <u>Discipline.</u> <u>Officers.</u> | 148 Officers 2779 Other Ranks. 13 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. 11 paraded sick: 1 was marked Light Duty and 2 evacuated to Hospital. 4 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. today. Lieut.F.L.HARDING, 3rd M.G.Btn. marched in from Unit. " H.L.HOLTHOUSE, A.B.D.No.1. marched out to England. | |
| " | 14-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> <u>Reinforcements.</u> <u>Sick Parade.</u> <u>Discipline.</u> <u>Court of Inquiry.</u> <u>Officers.</u> | 129 Officers 2379 Other Ranks. 8 Casuals marched out to Casuals Company. 8 paraded sick: 1 was marked Light Duty and 1 evacuated to Hospital. 3 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. today. A Court of Inquiry assembled at at the R.S.M's. Office at 0900 hours, today, to inquire into and report upon train accident which caused the death of No.7727 Pte.Johnson, 9th Btn. <div><div>PRESIDENT.</div><div>MEMBERS.</div></div> <div>Captain J.H.Arter, A.B.D.No.1. Lieut.W.E.Allan,M.C., do. " R.C.Dunbar,M.M., do.</div> Lieut.F.L.HARDING, 3rd M.G.Btn. marched out to H.Q., Aust. Base Depots. | |

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| Rouelles | 15-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 122 Officers 2289 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 14 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 11 paraded sick: 1 was marked Light Duty and 1 evacuated to Hospital. <u>Discipline.</u> 2 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. today. <u>F.G.C.M.</u> No.1888 Cpl.Thomson,J., 2nd A.L.R.O.Coy. and No.1849 2/Cpl.Goodwin,F., 2nd A.L.R.O.Coy. were tried by Field General Court Martial at Havre on 12th May, 1919, on the following charge:- W.O.A.S. Drunkenness, (At Havre on 30th April, 1919). <u>PLEADED:-</u> Both pleaded Not Guilty. <u>FINDING:-</u> Both accused were found Guilty. <u>SENTENCE:-</u> Both accused were fined £1.0.0.</p> | |
| " | 16-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 124 Officers 2282 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 6 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 3 paraded sick and 1 was evacuated to Hospital. <u>Discipline.</u> 1 case of a disciplinary nature was before the C.O. today. <u>Officers.</u> Captain L.G.GIBBINS, 2nd Div. Train marched in from England. Lieuts. J.G.Edmondston, 17th Btn. and R.J.HURST, 5th B.A.B. marched in from England.</p> | |
| " | 17-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 75 Officers. 1393 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 16 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 4 paraded sick, and 1 was evacuated to Hospital. <u>Discipline.</u> 2 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. today. <u>Officers.</u> Cahpalin,N.F.HOARE, marched in from A/4 Aust. Div. Artillery. <u>F.G.C.M.</u> No.602 Cpl.C.H.BRINDLE, 4th A.M.G.Btn. was tried by Field General Court Martial at Havre on 13th day of May, 1919, on the following charge:- W.O.A.S. Drunkenness, in that he (At Havre, on 29th April, 1919, was drunk). <u>PLEADED:-</u> Guilty. <u>FINDING:-</u> Guilty. <u>SENTENCE:-</u> Deprived of 7 days pay.</p> | |
| " | 18-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 119 Officers. 2407 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 9 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 18 paraded sick: 2 were marked Light Duty and 5 evacuated to Hospital. <u>Discipline.</u> No cases of disciplinary nature were before C.O. <u>Church Parades.</u> Today being Sunday, the usual Church Parades were held. <u>F.G.C.M.</u> No.475 Cpl.E.L.WOOLSTEN, 4th M.G.Btn. was tried by Field General Court Martial at Havre, on the 13th May, 1919, on the following charge:- W.O.A.S. Drunkenness,</p> | |

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| Rouelles | 18-5-19. | | <u>F.G.C.M. Cntd.</u> in that he (at Havre on the 29th April, 1919) was drunk. <u>PLEADED:-</u> Guilty. <u>FINDING:-</u> Guilty. <u>SENTENCE:-</u> Deprived of 7 days pay. | |
| " | 19-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 125 Officers 2358 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 5 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 19 paraded sick and 2 were evacuated to Hospital. <u>Officers.</u> Chaplain J.BROSNAN, marched out to England. Lieut.G.LINDSAY, 53rd Btn. marched out to join Quota. | |
| " | 20-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 139 Officers 2420 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 7 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 18 paraded sick. <u>Discipline.</u> 4 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. | |
| " | 21-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 139 Officers 2327 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 5 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 16 paraded sick and 4 were evacuated to Hospital. <u>Discipline.</u> An Officer of No.53 Quota permitted his name to be signed in Officers' Leave Book as having returned to Camp. He was censored by Commandant. | |
| " | 22-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 141 Officers 2429 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 4 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 5 paraded sick, and 1 was evacuated to Hospital. <u>F.G.C.M.</u> No.1235 Cpl.Swadling, R.L., A.B.D.No.1, was tried by Field General Court Martial at Havre on 17-5-19 on the following charge:- W.O.A.S. Drunkenness, in that he (at Havre on 12th May, 1919, was drunk.) <u>PLEADED:-</u> Guilty. <u>FINDING:-</u> Guilty. <u>SENTENCE:-</u> Deprived of seven days pay. | |
| " | 23-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 91 Officers 1536 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 9 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Discipline.</u> 5 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. <u>Officers.</u> Lieut.W.H.Taylor, A.B.D.No.1, marched out to Hospital. | |

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| Rouelles | 24-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 33 Officers. 555 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 6 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 1 paraded sick and was evacuated to Hospital. | |
| " | 25-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 72 Officers 1531 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 3 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 6 paraded sick. <u>Church Parades.</u> Today being Sunday, the usual Church Parades were held. <u>Officers.</u> Chaplain H.F.Heath marched out to England on 18-5-19. Captain L.G.GIBBINS, 2nd Div. Train, marched out to England on 22-5-19. Lieut.J.G.EDMONDSON, 17th Btn. " " " " " Lieut.R.J.HURST, 5th F.A.B. " " " " " | |
| " | 26-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 60 Officers 1394 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 1 Casual marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 13 paraded sick and 1 was evacuated to Hospital. <u>Discipline.</u> 4 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O. at Orderly Room. <u>Officers.</u> The undermentioned Officers, on the Staff of A.B.D.No.1, marched out to England:- Captains H.WILSON, F.B.STARK, M.K.READFORD, Lieuts.H.D.FORBES, A.E.HAMILTON, H.E.LANE, 2/Lieuts. A.B.TANNER, R.N.TAYLOR. | |
| " | 27-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 58 Officers 1432 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> 4 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company. <u>Sick Parade.</u> 4 paraded sick and 2 evacuated to Hospital. | |
| " | 28-5-19. | | <u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 57 Officers 1446 Other Ranks. <u>Reinforcements.</u> No Casuals marched in. <u>F.G.C.M's.</u> No.1446 Spr.James STEWART, 3rd A.L.R.O.Coy. was tried by Field General Court Martial at Havre on 23-3-19 on the following charge:- W.O.A.S.Absenting himself without leave, at Tournes from 24-11-18 until 23-3-19. <u>PLEADED:-</u> Not Guilty. <u>FINDING:-</u> Guilty. <u>SENTENCE:-</u> 120 days I.H.L. of absence from 26-11-18. No.66515 Gnr.William BERRYMAN, No.60766 Gnr.Edward Clarence STEVENSON, and No.56733 Dvr.Vincent William HILL, A.I.F. were tried by Field General Court Martial at Havre on 23-3-19 on the following charges:- | |

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| Rouelles | 28-5-19. | | <p><u>F.G.C.M's. Cntd.</u> 1.- W.O.A.S.Drunkenness, at Havre on 17-5-19.</p> <p>2.- Committing an offence against the person of an inhabitant of the country in which they were serving, at Havre on 17-5-19, being concerned in assualting M.LEMESLE.</p> <p><u>PLEADINGS:-</u> Gnr.Berryman pleaded guilty to 1st charge, but not guilty of 2nd charge.</p> <p>Gnr.Stevenson pleaded not guilty to both charges.</p> <p>Dvr.Hill pleaded not guilty of 1st charge, but guilty of 2nd charges.</p> <p><u>FINDINGS:-</u> Gnr.Berryman was found guilty of 1st charge, but not guilty of 2nd charge.</p> <p>Gnr.Stevenson was found not guilty of either charge, and on finding being read in Court he was discharged.</p> <p>Dvr.Hill was found not guilty of 1st charge, but guilty of 2nd charge.</p> <p><u>SENTENCES:-</u> Gnr.Berryman was sentenced to 7 days F.P.No.2 and fined £1.0.0.</p> <p>Dvr.Hill was sentenced to 7 days F.P.No.2.</p> | |
| " | 29-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH:</u> 21 Officers 441 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements.</u> 2 reinforcements marched in to Casuals Company.</p> <p><u>Sick Parade.</u> 1 paraded sick and was evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p><u>Discipline.</u> 2 disciplinary cases were before the C.O. yesterday and 3 today.</p> <p><u>Officers.</u> Lieut.W.E.ALLAN,M.C., A.B.D.No.1, marched out to England.</p> | |
| " | 30-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 22 Officers 445 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements.</u> 3 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company.</p> <p><u>Sick Parade.</u> 4 paraded sick and 1 was evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p><u>Discipline.</u> 2 cases of a disciplinary nature were before the C.O.</p> | |
| " | 31-5-19. | | <p><u>RATION STRENGTH.</u> 23 Officers 498 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements.</u> 4 Casuals marched in to Casuals Company.</p> <p><u>Officers.</u> Lieut.C.B.HOCKING, 2nd Div. Train, marched out to England.</p> | |

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AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1,

for

THE MONTH OF MAY, 1919.LIST OF APPENDICES.SUBJECT.

Statement shewing arrivals and epartures of Officers
and Other Ranks for the month of May,
1919.

Havre,
3rd June, 1919.

W. R. D. M. S.
Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding Australian Base Depot, No.1.

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CASUALS COMPANY.

Return shewing arrivals and departures of Reinforcements for the month of May 1919.

| Unit. | Arrivals | | Departures | | Surplus "B". To England. |
|---------------------|----------|------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | Offs | O/R. | Offs | O/R | |
| 1st Battalion | - | - | - | 15 | - |
| 2nd " | - | 1 | - | 5 | |
| 3rd " | - | 1 | - | 12 | |
| 4th " | - | 3 | - | 22 | |
| 5th " | - | 5 | - | 12 | |
| 6th " | - | 1 | - | 9 | |
| 7th " | - | - | - | 5 | |
| 8th " | - | 1 | - | 6 | |
| 9th " | - | 2 | - | 16 | |
| 10th " | - | 2 | - | 3 | |
| 11th " | - | 7 | - | 9 | |
| 12th " | - | 2 | - | 7 | |
| 13th " | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 14th " | - | 5 | - | 3 | |
| 15th " | - | 6 | - | 4 | |
| 16th " | - | - | - | 1. | |
| 17th " | 1 | - | - | 3 | |
| 18th " | - | 3 | - | 7 | |
| 19th " | 9 | - | - | - | |
| 20th " | - | 1 | - | 5 | |
| 21st " | - | 1 | - | - | |
| 22nd " | - | 1 | - | 4 | |
| 23rd " | - | 5 | - | 4 | |
| 24th " | - | 1 | - | 5 | |
| 25th " | - | - | - | - | |
| 26th " | - | 3 | - | 7 | |
| 28th " | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 29th " | - | - | - | 2 | |
| 30th " | E | - | - | 4 | |
| 31st " | - | 3 | - | 3 | |
| 32nd " | - | 2 | - | 7 | |
| 33rd " | - | 12 | - | 18 | |
| 34th " | - | 12 | - | 7 ^q | |
| 35th " | - | 14 | - | 12 | |
| 37th " | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 38th ^f " | 1 | 6 | - | - | |
| 39th " | 1 | 10 | - | 5 | |
| 40th " | - | 4 | - | 8 | |
| 41st " | - | 6 | - | 6 | |
| 42nd " | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 43rd " | - | 19 | - | 5 | |
| 44th " | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 45th " | - | 1 | - | 2 | |
| 46th " | - | 1 | - | 1 | |
| 48th " | - | 18 | - | 20 | |
| 49th " | - | 3 | 1 | 6 | |
| 50th " | - | 1 | - | 1 | |
| 52st " | - | - | - | - | |
| 53rd " | 1 | 2 | - | 11 | |
| 55th " | - | 2 | - | 4 | |
| 56th " | - | 3 | - | 4 | |
| 57th " | - | 3 | - | 7 | |
| 58th " | - | - | - | 3 | |
| 59th " | - | 2 | - | 7 | |
| 60th " | - | - | - | - | |

| Unit | Arrivals | | Departures | | Surplus "B" To England. |
|------------------|----------|-----|------------|-----|----------------------------|
| | Offs | O/R | Offs | O/R | |
| 1st Pioneers | - | 1 | - | 7 | - |
| 2nd " | - | 1 | - | 3 | |
| 3rd " | - | 1 | - | 15 | |
| 4th " | - | 1 | - | 4 | |
| 5th " | - | 2 | - | 3 | |
| 1st D.H.Q. | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 2nd " | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 4th " | - | - | - | 4 | |
| Corp H/Q | - | 1 | - | 3 | |
| 1st M.G.Battn | - | 1 | - | 4 | |
| 2nd " | - | - | - | 7 | |
| 3rd " | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | |
| 4th " | - | - | 2 | 2 | |
| 5th " | - | 3 | - | 4 | |
| 1st Div Engrs | - | 1 | - | 1 | |
| 2nd " | - | 3 | - | - | |
| 3rd " | - | 6 | - | 2 | |
| 4th " | - | 1 | - | - | |
| 5th " | - | 4 | - | 3 | |
| Fld Coy Engrs | - | - | - | 7 | |
| 1st Fld Amb | - | 2 | - | 2 | |
| 4th " | - | 1 | - | 1 | |
| 5th " | + | - | - | 2 | |
| Aust H.T.M.Bty | - | 2 | - | - | |
| 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty | - | 1 | - | 1 | |
| 3rd " | - | - | - | 5 | |
| 8th " | - | 1 | - | - | |
| 1st Bde A.F.A. | - | 1 | - | 2 | |
| 2nd " | - | 3 | - | 9 | |
| 3rd " | - | 5 | - | 4 | |
| 4th " | - | 4 | - | 18 | |
| 5th " | 1 | 4 | - | 9 | |
| 6th " | - | 1 | - | 3 | |
| 7th " | - | 5 | - | 11 | |
| 8th " | - | 19 | - | 14 | |
| 10th " | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 11th " | - | - | - | 3 | |
| 12th " | - | 1 | - | 5 | |
| 13th " | - | 2 | - | 1 | |
| 14th " | - | - | - | 9 | |
| 2/8 " | - | - | - | 3 | |
| 3/9 " | - | 1 | - | - | |
| 1st Div A.A.S.C. | - | 1 | - | - | |
| 2nd " | 2 | - | - | 1 | |
| 3rd " | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 5th " | - | - | - | 4 | |
| Aust Sge Baty | - | 2 | - | 4 | |
| 1st " " | - | 5 | - | 1 | |
| 2nd " " | - | 2 | + | - | |
| 1st Div M.T.Coy | - | 1 | - | 20 | |
| 2nd " | - | 6 | - | 13 | |
| 3rd " | - | 1 | - | 10 | |
| 4th " | - | - | - | 5 | |
| 5th " | - | 2 | - | 11 | |
| 6th M.T.Coy | - | - | - | 12 | |

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| Unit | Arrivals | | Departures | | Surplus "B" To England |
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| | Offs | O/R | Offs | O/R | |
| 1st A.L.R.O.Coy | - | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| 2nd " | - | 3 | - | 2 | - |
| 3rd " | - | 7 | - | - | - |
| 3rd A.L.R.F. | - | - | - | 12 | - |
| 4th A.G.B.R.O.Coy | - | 3 | - | 2 | - |
| Aust Corp Sigs | - | 1 | - | 5 | - |
| 1st Div Sigs | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| 2nd " | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| 3rd " | - | 2 | - | 1 | - |
| 4th " | - | 1 | - | 4 | - |
| 5th " | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| A.E.M.M.&B Coy | - | 1 | - | 28 | - |
| A.B.D.No1. | - | 6 | - | 90 | - |
| A.B.D.No2. | - | 1 | 1 | 27 | - |
| A.B.D.No3 | - | - | - | 25 | - |
| 1st San Sect | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1st D.A.C. | - | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| 2nd " | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| 3rd " | - | 11 | - | 4 | - |
| 4th " | - | - | - | 7 | - |
| 5th " | - | - | - | 4 | - |
| 1st Div Trf Centl | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Aust Army Pstl Corp | - | - | - | 8 | - |
| " " Pay " | - | - | - | - | - |
| " Provost " | - | - | - | 6 | - |
| 1st Tunnl Coy | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| 2nd " " | - | 3 | - | 1 | - |
| 3rd " " | - | - | - | 21 | - |
| Aust Fld Arty | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 1st Div Art H/Q | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| 2nd " " " | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 13th Aust Lgh Horse | - | 4 | - | 4 | - |
| 6th " " " | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Aust B.R.Cmp No3 | - | 1 | - | 8 | - |
| Aust Mble Vet Sect | - | 1 | - | 6 | - |
| 2nd A.G.H. | - | 1 | - | 4 | - |
| 3rd " | - | - | - | 90 | - |
| 1st Aust Gen Depot | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| H/Qs A.B.D. | - | 2 | - | 22 | - |
| Aust Corp Vhl Park | - | - | - | 6 | - |
| 1st Aust Fld Baky | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| 4th " " " | - | - | - | 8 | - |
| 5th " " " | - | - | - | 6 | - |
| A.A.O.C. | - | - | - | 5 | - |
| 4th Div Sal Coy | - | - | - | 11 | - |
| 2nd Aust Fld Butchy | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 3rd " " " | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 5th " " " | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 3rd Aust C.C.S. | - | - | - | 70 | - |
| Aust Emp Coy | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| " Dental Unit | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 44th Aust Dentl Unit | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 5th A.D.U.S. | - | - | - | 7 | - |
| 6th " | - | 2 | - | 12 | - |
| 7th " | - | 1 | - | 3 | - |
| 9th " | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 11th " | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| 12th " | - | 2 | - | 3 | - |
| 14th " | - | - | - | 10 | - |
| 17th " | - | - | - | 13 | - |
| 18th " | - | - | - | 11 | - |
| 20th " | - | - | - | 10 | - |
| 21st " | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 24th " | - | - | - | 4 | - |
| 25th " | 1 | - | - | 29 | - |

S U M M A R Y .

| P A G E | ARRIVALS | | DEPARTURES | | SURPLUS "B" |
|---------------|----------|-----|------------|------|-------------|
| | OFFS | O/R | OFFS | O/R | TO ENGLAND. |
| 1 | 4 | 175 | 1 | 315 | N I L . |
| 2 | 4 | 100 | 4 | 268 | " |
| 3 | 1 | 64 | 1 | 609 | " |
| T O T A L S . | 9 | 339 | 6 | 1191 | " |

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AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

QUOTAS AND DRAFTS.

During the month of May 10 Quotas and 23 Drafts comprising 552 Officers and 9903 Other Ranks passed through this Depot for repatriation Non-Military Employment, etc.

Details as hereunder:-

Q U O T A S.

| No. Quota. | Date M/in. | Off. | O.R. | Date M/Out. | Off. | O.R. | Commanding Officer. |
|---------------|---------------|------|------|----------------|------|------|--|
| 44 | 2-5-19 | 55 | 953 | 6-5-19 | 51 | 896 | Major R.S.McLeish, D.S.O. 13th A.L.H. |
| 45 | 5-5-19 | 59 | 951 | 8-5-19 | 57 | 919 | Lieut-Colonel J.A.Farrell, D.S.O. 43rd Btn. |
| 47 | 7-5-19 | 44 | 912 | 12-5-19 | 44 | 865 | Lieut-Colonel F.Street, D.S.O. 30th Btn. |
| 48 | 8-5-19 | 43 | 892 | 13-5-19 | 42 | 850 | Major C.R.Lucas, 55th Btn. |
| 50 | 12-5-19 | 50 | 964 | 16-5-19 | 47 | 926 | Lieut-Colonel A.R.L.Will- shire, D.S.O., M.C. 22nd Btn. |
| 51 | Various | 38 | 795 | 19-5-19 | 37 | 755 | Lieut-Colonel A.R.Heron, D.S.O. 41st Btn. |
| 53 | 17-5-19 | 49 | 934 | 22-5-19 | 49 | 907 | Lieut-Colonel M.O.Caddy, C.M.G., D.S.O. 13/14th A.F.A. |
| 54 | 19-5-19 | 54 | 955 | 23-5-19 | 53 | 921 | Lieut-Colonel J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. 8th Btn. |
| 56 | 24-5-19 | 38 | 970 | 28-5-19 | 36 | 924 | Lieut-Colonel M.Wilder- Nelligen, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M. 10th Btn. |
| Totals. | | | | | | | |
| 9 Quotas | | 430 | 8326 | | | 416 | 8063 |

D R A F T S.

| Draft No. | Date M/Out. | Off. | O.R. | Commanding Officer. |
|--------------|----------------|------|-------|--|
| 81 | 2-5-19 | 2 | 77 | Lieut.R.Woodhouse, 8th Btn. |
| 82 | 5-5-19 | 4 | 62 | Captain F.B.Stark, 3rd Pnr. Btn. |
| 83 | 6-5-19 | 3 | 9 | 2/Lieut.J.G.Heaslip, 43rd Btn. |
| 84 | 8-5-19 | 3 | 22 | Lieut.B.Bensley, 3rd M.G.Btn. |
| 85 | 7-5-19 | 39 | - | Lieut.A.Eichler, 4th Btn. |
| 86 | 8-5-19 | - | 11 | Lieut.B.Bensley, 3rd M.G.Btn. |
| 87 | 9-5-19 | 6 | 147 | Captain W.H.L.McDonald, 57th Btn. |
| 88 | 9-5-19 | 5 | 83 | Lieut.W.W.Harvey, 3rd Pnr. Btn. |
| 89 | 12-5-19 | 4 | 122 | Lieut.D.J.Frith, 4th Btn. |
| 90 | 13-5-19 | 5 | 22 | Hon. Capt. A.S.McLean, 33rd Btn. |
| 91 | 14-5-19 | 6 | 84 | Captain J.P.Minton, 4th Fld.Coy.Engrs. |
| 92 | 14-5-19 | 6 | 61 | Major.P.Stevens, 3rd A.C.C.S. |
| 93 | 15-5-19 | 18 | 58189 | Lieut.A.Rowbottom, 3rd M.G.Btn. |
| 94 | 16-5-19 | 6 | 108 | Lieut.A.E.Seary, 50th Btn. |
| 95 | 19-5-19 | 8 | 189 | Lieut.G.Lindsay, 53rd Btn. |
| 96 | 20-5-19 | 2 | 65 | Lieut.G.H.Goddard, 59th Btn. |
| 97 | 22-5-19 | 1 | 36 | Lieut.J.H.Thomas, 4th Btn. |
| 98 | 23-5-19 | 3 | 72 | Lieut.H.G.Nolan, Aust. Corps Gen. S. |
| 99 | 25-5-19 | 8 | 103 | Captain F.B.Stark, 3rd Pnr. Btn. |
| 100 | 25-5-19 | 3 | 57 | do. do. do. |
| 101 | 26-5-19 | 5 | 53 | Lieut.C.J.Brossois, 18th Btn. |
| 102 | 28-5-19 | 1 | 87 | Lieut.W.E.Allan, M.C., 41st Btn. |
| 103 | 30-5-19 | 1 | 49 | Lieut.J.M.Nelson, H.Q., A.B.D. |
| Totals:- | | | | |
| 23 Drafts | | 122 | 1577 | |

The Staff of A.B.D.No.1 will be demobilised on Thursday the 5th of June next, and will be despatched to England on that date as a Draft.

A Cadre consisting of 1 Senior Officer, Adjutant, Quartermaster, 2 Lieutenants, R.S.M., C.S.M., 4 Clerks, 5 N.C.O's., and 15 Privates will remain behind to hand over the Depot and take charge of and complete records etc.

All Stores, building materials, etc. on issue are to be returned to Ordnance and proper receipts obtained therefore. Horses on charge to be returned to remounts. Typewriters the property of the A.I.F. will be returned to A.I.F.Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Road, London.

Clothing, etc. required by other Depots may be transferred to them on receipts being given therefore.

The A.B.D's. Camp Hospital will still function as at present.

C.O., A.B.D.No.1 will ensure that all hutments and lines are left in a clean and proper condition and that all trenches, etc. are properly filled in.

The Cadre of A.B.D.No.1 will be taken on the strength of A.B.D.No.2 but for the purposes of carrying out their duties will remain in hutments in the Lines of A.B.D.No.1.

On and after the end of June next all casualties and drafts marching in to these Depots will be accommodated and dealt with by A.B.D.No.2m and Standing Orders, part ii, para 1, is amended accordingly.

The A.A.Pay Corps will on the 5th June next move to premises to be provided by the A.B.R.C.No.3 and will be taken on the ration strength of that camp. The A.A.Postal Corps will for the present remain in the premises occupied by them.

The H.Q's. Camp Police will also for the present retain the hutments now occupied by them.

The Cadre of A.B.D.No.1, A.A.Postal Corps and H.Q's. Camp Police will be rationed by the A.B.D.No.2 and will be taken on the ration strength of the latter unit as from the 6th June next.

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AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

Routine Order No.56,
by
Lieutenant - Colonel F. M. O'Donnell - Commanding.

4th June, 1919.

1. ROUTINE.

Duties for 5th June, 1919.

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Captain of the Day. | - | Lieut. W.E. Scotson, No.5 Company. |
| Subaltern of the Day. | - | 2/Lieut. D.P. Oliver, No.1 Company. |
| Orderly Sergeant. | - | Sergt. F.W. Crowhurst, A.B.D. No.1. |
| Orderly Corporal. | - | Corpl. R.C. Hogan, A.B.D. No.1. |

Next for Duty - 6th June, 1919.

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Captain of the Day. | - | Lieut. W.E. Scotson, No.5 Company. |
| Subaltern of the Day. | - | 2/Lieut. D.P. Oliver, No.1 Company. |

2. DEMOBILISATION.

In accordance with instructions from higher Command, (H.Q., Australian Base Depots R/137 of 29-5-19) the Australian Base Depot No.1 will cease to exist as a demobilisation unit as from 5-6-19. The whole of the Staff, less 1 Field Officer, 4 Officers and 30 Other Ranks will be despatched to England for demobilisation, embarking on the 6th instant. (Time and embarking point will be notified later).

The Officers and Other Ranks mentioned above will remain to hand over to the Imperial Authorities all Government property, equipment, buildings and appurtenances, etc. at present on charge to C.O. A.B.D. No.1. Handing over and taking over vouchers to be carefully computed and signed.

3. LAUDATORY.

Following the foregoing order the Commanding Officer desires to place on record his high appreciation of the devoted services of all ranks of the Staff of both the late Australian Infantry Base Depot and the more recent Australian Base Depot, No.1. during the past 12 months.

The good discipline and favourable reports received from the many thousands of Officers and men who have passed through is sufficient commendation, and indicates that all branches of the service in this Command have not only been most efficient, but have maintained an excellent liaison at all time during the high pressure of work when Quotas and Drafts were passing through rapidly. For demobilisation alone approximately 40,000 Troops have passed through in Quotas plus 4,500 on Drafts, have been satisfactorily dealt with in the Depot.

It is also desired to place on record the valuable assistance rendered by the Australian Y.M.C.A. whose lady workers have been most unselfish and generous in their work of helping our soldiers. Likewise to the Chaplains Department, the Australian Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Australian Comforts Funds. Every credit is due for the part they have taken.

4. TRANSFERS.

| | |
|--|--------------------------|
| No. 7148 Pte. McInnes, W.H., 23rd Btn. | to A.B.D. No.2 for duty. |
| " 18119 S/S. Cooke, J.W., A.B.D. No.1, |) Transferred to |
| " 3550 T/Cpl. Jackson, T.C., do. | and) S.M.O's. Staff |
| " 20523 Pte. Williams, A.J., do. |) for disposal. |

5. SPECIAL AUDIT BOARD.

A special Audit Board will assemble at Headquarters, A.B.D. No.1, on the 5-6-19, to supervise the taking of stocks and to examine the books and accounts, etc. of both Officers' and Sergeants' Messes of this Command:-

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Lieut. R.C. Dunbar, A.B.D. No.1. | |
| " E.R. Bramble, do. | |
| " R.J. Adams, do. | |

Reports and copies of receipts and expenditure, together with balance sheet shewing Assets and Liabilities to be rendered in duplicate to this Office by 0900 hours, Friday, 6th instant.

Havre.
Issued at 1800 hours.

J. H. Nicholson Lieut.
Adjutant Australian Base Depot, No.1.

AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

Camp 20 and 21,
Rouelles,
Le Havre, 3-6-19.

Mr. F. King,
Australian Y.M.C.A.
Le Havre.

Dear Mr. King,

Now that the great task Australians came out to do is completed, and the winding up of my command is in progress, would you please convey to the Y.M.C.A. staff in the Australian Camp, as well as those in Havre, my high appreciation of the part they have taken in working for the Australian soldier.

Having held commands in both the Lezarde Valley Camp and in this one, I am well acquainted with the devotion to duty and the kindness at all times shewn by the Y.M.C.A. ladies here, and personally on behalf of all the troops who have passed through my Commands, and also for my Staff, I thank you all very much.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

From/Lieut-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell,
Commanding Australian Base Depot, No.1.
Rouelles,
Havre.

AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

The Commissioner,
Australian Comforts Funds,
Le Havre.

Dear Sir,

With the completion of duty in Havre comes the closing of this Depot on Thursday next, and I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Australian Comforts Funds for contributions towards the soldiers' comforts. This was particularly appreciated recently when Quotas were passing through for demobilisation, and it was a happy thought to give them a good send-off from France.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Havre.
3-6-19.

From/
Lieut-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell,
Commanding Australian Base Depot, No.1.
Rouelles,
Havre.

AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick,
Australian Red Cross,
Le Havre.

Dear Mrs. Fitzpatrick,

As the Commanding Officer of the
A.B.D. No.1, I desire to express to you how grateful I am
for all yourself and Miss Armytage have done for Australian
soldiers during your long term of duty in Havre. This
Depot closes tomorrow. The men much appreciate all you
have done, and with all good wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

F.M.O'Donnell

Havre.
4-6-19.

From/
Lieutenant-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell,
Commanding, Australian Base Depot, No.1.
Rouelles,
H a v r e.

AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

Rouelles Camp 20 - 21,
3rd June, 1919.

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Miss Bradford,
Australian Y.M.C.A.,
Rouelles.

Dear Miss Bradford,

I am writing officially to the
Y.M.C.A. Headquarters to express my appreciation of all
the magnificent work done in this Camp for the Austral-
ian Troops, but I feel that I am also in duty bound to
tell you personally how profoundly grateful I am for
the unselfish and continued devotion to the task you
had in hand by making the life of the soldier as happy
as possible in these far-off lands.

Will you kindly convey this to all
the other ladies, and believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

F.M.O'Donnell

From Lieut-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell,
Commanding Australian Base Depot, No.1.
Rouelles,
Havre.

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AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

Officer-in-Charge,
Salvation Army.

Please accept my best thanks for all you have
done for my troops in this area.
All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

F.M.O'Donnell

Havre.
3-6-19.

From/

Lieut-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell,
Commanding Australian Base Depot, No.1.
Rouelles,
H a v r e.

AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

Mr.L.Judd,
Australian Y.M.C.A.
Rouelles.

My dear Judd,

With the closing of this Depot on Thursday
next will come the completion of our duty here, and I
wish to thank you for all you have done both for myself
and all the troops at various times.

I must congratulate you on the conduct
of the sporting side too, and the clean nature of all
our contests reflects credit on you.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

F.M.O'Donnell

Havre.
4-6-19.

From/

Lieut-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell,
Commanding Australian Base Depot, No.1.
Rouelles,
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AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT, No.1.

Camp 20 and 21,
Rouelles, 4-6-19.

Miss Doig,
Hamilton Hut,
Y.M.C.A.
Rouelles.

Dear Miss Doig,

As, from tomorrow, 5th instant, the Australian Base Depot No.1 will cease to exist, having completed all the functions of demobilisation, I desire to express as Commanding Officer my appreciation for all you have done for the Australian soldier whilst in my Command.

I am asking Mr. King to convey this to you all officially, but I feel that I should also tell you personally.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

F.M.O'Donnell

From/

Lieut-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell,
Commanding Australian Base Depot, No.1,
Rouelles, Havre.